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SUBJECT: NOVA LISBOA RED CROSS

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FROM BEAUCHAMP IN NOVA LISBOA.

1. QUOTE. ON OCTOBER 1 FIFTEEN FULL-TIME VOLUNTARY STAFF OF NOVA LISBOA BRANCH OF LOCAL RED CROSS WILL DEPART TOGETHER WITH REFUGEE COMMITTEE OFFICIALS. THEY ARE STILL FEEDING 5,000 LOCAL NOVA LISBOANS DAILY; THEY EFFECTIVELY RECRUITED TEEN-AGE VOLUNTEERS TO RUN 22 REFUGEE SHELTERS INCLUDING FEEDING AT ONE TIME NEARLY 10,000 DAILY OPERATED AN OUT-PATIENT CLINIC SEEING HUNDREDS DAILY WITH THREE VOLUNTEER DOCTORS (DOCTORS UNCLASSIFIED

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LEFT YESTERDAY, CLINIC NOW CLOSED), AND SUPPLIED FOOD, MEDICINE-

BLANKETS, ETC. AT GREAT PERSONAL RISK, TO POW'S AND TO MPLA
CIVILIAN SYMPATHIZERS IN REFUGE WITH PORTUGUESE MILITARY AT
NOVA LISBOA BEFORE THIS ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN BY ICRC. THEY
REMAINED AT THEIR POSTS MONTHS AFTER THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
TO LEAVE IN THE FACE OF THREATS AND TERRORISM AND AFTER
SUFFERING INTERROGATIONS AND PHYSICAL ASSULT AT THE HANDS OF
ARMED PERSONNEL.

2. REQUEST ADDRESSEES PASS ABOVE COMMENTS TO LICROSS AND FOR INFO
PORTUGUESE RED CROSS WITH U.S. TEAMS RECOMMENDATION THAT HIGH
RECOGNITION SHOULD BE GIVEN THIS SINGULAR AND OUTSTANDING
GROUP, ESPECIALLY PRESIDENT MANUELA ABRANCHES. IF ADDITIONAL DETAILS
ARE DESIRED, U.S. TEAM WILL PROVIDE. UNQUOTE.
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